

Governor Announces \$400 Million from Recovery Act for Passenger Rail in Ohio

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On January 28, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland joined U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, state and local officials, and rail supporters from across the state to announce that Ohio has received \$400 million in federal stimulus resources to invest in passenger rail.

"With today's historic announcement by President Obama, Ohio takes a major step toward modernizing our state's transportation infrastructure," said Governor Strickland. "The 3C Corridor will create economic development opportunities and serve as a model of environmental sustainability. Most importantly, it will put thousands of Ohioans to work over the next few years."

The 256-mile 3C Corridor - stretching from Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati - would reconnect nearly 6 million Ohioans with 79 mph passenger trains for the first time in 40 years. According to Amtrak estimates, the 3C "Quick Start" would serve more than 478,000 riders in its first year of operation, making it the 12th largest passenger generator in the nation. According to federal formulas from the U.S. Department of Commerce, every \$1 invested in passenger rail development can generate \$3 in economic benefit.



- Initial Route: connects Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati
- Initial Route Length: approximately 256 miles
- Funding Received: \$400 million from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Start Date: 2012